

REMARKS

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated October 7, 2005.

Applicant has amended the claims to overcome the Examiner's rejections. Claims 1, 3, 4, 7, 8, 13 and 14 have been amended. Claims 16-20 have been added. No new matter has been inserted. Claims 1-20 remain pending in the application, with claim 12 currently withdrawn by the Examiner.

Independent claim 1 now claims that the inner wall of each inner tube segment is coated with a sealant, which distinguishes the claimed invention from the cited references.

Independent claim 4 claims that the inner tube segment has a plurality of independent inflatable air cells. None of the cited references disclose having a plurality of independent inflatable air cells for the inner tube segment.

Dependent claim 7 and independent claim 8 claim that in addition to a plurality of independent inner tube segments for the tire, each inner tube segment is provide with a plurality of independent inflatable air cells. None of the cited references disclose having a plurality of independent inflatable air cells for each inner tube segment of the tire.

Dependent claims 18 and 19 claim that the inner wall of each internal inflatable air cell is coated with a sealant.

Dependent claims 3, 13 and 14 claim that each independent inflatable air cell is provided with its owns air inflation mechanism with the air inflation mechanisms for a particular inner tube segment forming at one end an air filler valve having a plurality of independent air travel chambers. Each of the air

travel chambers is in communication with a particular air cell of the particular inner tube segment.

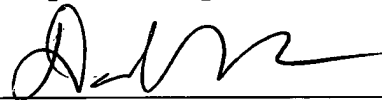
Newly added claim 20 claims that the modular tire is provided with a spring or spring like support system which is disposed within the casing and that the casing is provided with replaceable treads. None of the cited references are believed to show this claimed invention.

Accordingly, in view of the above amendments, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the Examiner's rejections to the claims.

Applicant has completely responded to the October 7, 2005 Office Action. Favorable action is respectfully requested.

Any additional charges, including Extensions of Time, please bill our Deposit Account No. 503180.

Respectfully submitted,



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